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Sunday of the Healing of the Leper February 18th, 2024

Sun., Feb. 18	Sunday of the Healing of the Leper / Pope St. Leo the Great 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
	11:30 am for Josiane Joe Saikali	by Mr. & Mrs. Wadih Saikali
Mon., Feb. 19	NO DIVINE LITURGY The 500 Martyrs of Tyre	
Tues., Feb. 20	10 am Divine Liturgy St. James the Hermit of Cyrrhus	
Wed., Feb. 21	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Eustathius, Patriarch of Antioch	
Thurs., Feb. 22	10 am Divine Liturgy Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch	
Fri., Feb. 23	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Polycarp of Smyrna	
Sat., Feb. 24	10 am Divine Liturgy St. Margaret the Penitent	
Sun., Feb. 25	Sunday of the Hemorrhaging Woman / Pope St. Felix II 9 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners 11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners	
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January 2024 Financial Standing

Ordinary Income

- Collections on Sundays & Holy Days: **\$17,044.00**
- Cathedral Stipends from Marriages & Funerals, Hall Rent, Candles, Breakfast, Luncheon, Raffle, Dues, Religious Education, Flowers \$59,816.50

Total Ordinary Income: \$76,860.50

Ordinary Expenses

 Payroll, Gas, Electricity, Building Insurance and Medical Insurance, Leasing Equipment, TV, Phone, Internet, Supplies for Church, Hall & Office, Postage, Regular Maintenance, Charity, Eparchial Appeal, Insurance....\$25,028.00 Total Ordinary Expenses: \$25,028.00

Do you know? A couple of basic monthly expenses: The Monthly Eparchial Assessment & Bishop's Appeal has increased from \$2,125 to \$2,670 a month starting January 2024.

The Cathedral's Building Insurance increased 14.3% in 2023, and we paid \$46,122 for the year. It has gone up another 11% in 2024, so we pay \$51,195. The Cathedral monthly building insurance is now \$4,266.25

Thank you for your contribution in helping maintain the Church and in planning different activities

HELP LEBANON!

PRAY FOR LEBANON



BY CHECK: Make your donation to Lebanon by sending a check to the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn and in the memo designate your charity either to Caritas, Lebanon, Saint Vincent de Paul or The Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross.

ONLINE:

You may also donate online by clicking <u>here</u>.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HELP THROUGH CARITAS LEBANON

In coordination with Caritas Lebanon, a family in the United States is now able to sponsor a family in Lebanon. The sponsorship varies from \$50 to \$100 per month depending on the size and the need of the family.

Please click <u>here</u> to sponsor a family.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stations and Benediction of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent beginning Friday, February 16th, at 7:30 pm, we will pray the Stations and Benediction of the Cross. The service will be followed by a Lenten supper.

Letter for Annual Donations

Parishioners who for tax purposes would like a letter stating their annual contribution, please email cathrecto-ry@verizon.net or call the rectory at 718-624-7228.

Promoting Vocations

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please see Fr. Chuck to be put on the list.

Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click here to learn more.

The 2024 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. Thank you for your generosity.

Palm Sunday Celebration

Children ages 3 to 12 are encouraged to participate in the Palm Sunday celebration by reading, by processing with the gifts and through other activities during the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Please see Leila Vogl to register.

Knights Easter Raffle

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Edgard Abi Daher, William Abou Chrouch, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 16th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Strengthen Your Marriage

The Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the USCCB has designated February as a time to strengthen Marriages. To support this effort the Secretariat has prepared resources to assist dating, engaged and married couples. Please click <u>here</u> for more information.

Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th and St. Joseph on March 19th.

St. Joseph Breakfast

The Knights will be sponsoring a breakfast in honor of St. Joseph on March 17th after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$30 a person.

Pre-Order Maamoul

Families may pre-order their maamoul today. The Confraternity will do a baking session a week or two before Easter, so the maamoul will be fresh for the celebration.

Interested in Joining the Choir?

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

Finance Council Recommendation

The Finance Council has recommended that parishioners set up their Church donation as an automatic payment. This is the best way to keep supporting your spiritual home while on vacation or out of town. You may also make your contribution online by clicking <u>here</u>. It was determined that a minimum of \$150.00 per household a month will help meet the Church's budget.



Lenten Scripture Sharing: Faith, Mercy, Healing



Dive deeper into the Maronite Gospels for the Sundays of Great Lent presented by the Maronite Servants of Christ the Light and guest contributors.

We welcome you to join us live as we highlight spiritual lessons from each Gospel. Participants will also have an opportunity to share their insights as well. Thursdays at 8:00pm EST

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FEBRUARY 29: PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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Lent 2024 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you believe in Jesus Christ, sacrifice always has meaning. It leads to something, just as the Cross led to the Resurrection. Life is not about being comfortable but about answering God's call to us. Our response makes our lives "worth living," as Archbishop Fulton Sheen used to say.

During this season of sacrifice, please consider making a sacrificial gift for this year's Annual Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Saint Maron. There are so many people suffering here and around the world (especially in Lebanon) who can be helped by our prayers, fasting and almsgiving. The Eparchy can be part of your Lenten sacrifice, as we rely upon your generosity to serve the faithful in the Eparchy and the Middle East.

Your gift to this year's Annual Lenten Appeal will support:



Seminarians: We currently have three excellent men preparing for the priesthood. Our seminarians are our future; we need to educate them well so that they can minister effectively as priests someday. The costs of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Seminary are about \$450,000 per year. 40% of your contribution to this year's Annual Appeal will go for Seminarians.

Ministries: Our outreach to young people, the elderly, families, and in defense of life from conception to natural death, helps people at the most crucial times in their lives. You can ensure that the Eparchy continues this important work. **20% of your contribution will go to support Ministries.**

Retired Priests: The Eparchy's 17 retired priests served the faithful well. We help them with a modest pension each month. 20% of your contribution will support Retired Priests.

Help for Lebanon and the Middle East: The Eparchy has provided an unprecedented amount of support to help in Lebanon and the Middle East over the past few years. We can never forget the homeland of our Maronite Church. 10% of your contribution will support Christians in Lebanon and the Middle East.

Endowment: The Eparchy's Endowment Fund supports today's needs and ensures the Eparchy will have resources in the future. **10% of your contribution will be deposited into the Eparchy's Endowment.**

Please open your heart once again and make a gift. Your participation in this Appeal impacts the lives of many people, both inside the Eparchy, and in the Middle East. Any gift will be appreciated. Please visit <u>http://www.stmaron.org/lenten-appeal</u> for more information.

Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity! I wish you a blessed Lent and Easter.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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+ Gregory J. Mansour

PS: Please also consider remembering the Eparchy and your parish in your estate plan, or as the beneficiary of an insurance policy, retirement plan or charitable gift annuity. Thank you.

Sunday Readings قراءات الأحد

Second Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of the Man with Leprosy

Letter to the Romans 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel according to Saint Mark1: 35-45

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him.

When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

الأحد الثاني من الصوم الكبير : أحد شفاء الأبر ص

رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة 12:6-23 با إخوَتِي، لا تَمْلِكَنَ الْحَطْينَةُ بَعْدُ في جَسَدِكُمُ الْمَائِتِ، قَتْطَيعُوا شَهَوَ آتِهِ. وَلا تَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلاحَ ظُلْم لِلحَطِينَة، بَلْ قَرَبُوا أَنْفُسَكُم لَّهُ كَأَحْيَاءٍ قَامُوا مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتَ، واَجْعَلُوا أَعْضَاءَكُم سِلاحَ بِرَ لله. فلا تَسَلَّطُ عَلَيْكُمُ الْحَطِينَة، لأَنَّكُم لَسْتُم في حُكْم الشَّريعَة بَلْ في حُكْم النَّعْمَة. فَمَاذَا إذَا؟ هَلْ نَحْطَأ لأَننا السَّنَا في حُكْمِ الشَّريعَة، بَلْ في حُكْم النَّعْمَة؟ حَاشَا! أَلا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُم عِنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِدًا لأَحَد فَتُطيعُونَه، تَكُونُونَ عَبِدًا الشَّريعَة، بَلْ في حُكْم النَّعْمَة؟ حَاشَا! أَلا تَعْلَمُونَ أَنَّكُم عَنْدَمَا تَجْعَلُونَ أَنْفُسَكُم عَبِدًا للْحَدِ فَتُطيعُونَه، تَكُونُونَ عَبِدًا للَّذي تُطيعُونَهُ إلى المَوت، وامَّا لِلطَّاعَةِ الَّتِي تَؤُولُ إلى البِرَ. وامَّا لِلطَّاعَة الَّتي عَوُولُ إلى البِرَ. وامَّا لِلطَّاعَة الَتي عَلَيما أَذِي سُلِمْتُمْ إَلَيْه. وَبَعْدَ أَنْ حُرَنَمُ مِن النَّحُطيئَة، صرْثُم عَبِيدًا للبِرَ. وأَقُولُ قَوْلاً بَشَرِيًا مُرَاعَاةً لِصَعْتِهُ الَّتي وَقُولُ إلى المَوت، وأَقُولُ قَوْلاً بَشَريبًا مَا أَخْتُمَ عَبِيدًا الْتُعْلِيم عَبِيدًا لِلْنَجْ مِعَالَ اللَّذِي فَيْمَا عَبِيدًا اللَّهُ المَعْتُم وأَقُولُ قَوْلاً بَشَريبًا مَعْنَا عَلَيْهُم عَبِيدًا اللَّذِي سُنْعَتْمُ عَبَيدًا اللَّهُولَ الْعَنْ مِنْ كُلَّ عَبِيدًا لِللَّذِي اللللَّهُ عَنْهُ عَبْدًا الْعَمَانَة وَالَا عَنْ عَنْعَا مَنْ أَنْ الْعَنْ مَعْتَا عَلَيْ أَعْمَا عَنْكُمُ عَبِيدًا الْعَنَاسَة. والْحُطيئَة، مونَ اللَّذِي فَتَمَا عَبْعَا الْعَنْ مَعْسَلُمُ عُنْهُ إلَنْهُ وَقَدْ صَرْثَامُ مَعْنَا عَنْ أَعْنَا عَامَةً إلْعُنْ عَمَا عَنْ أَنْعَامانَ الْعَنَاسَة. والْحَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْعَا عَنْمَا عَنْ عَنْتَمَ مَعْذَا الْمُونِ الْتَعْرَامَ مَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْعُونُ عَنْ أَنْ عُنْ أَعْمَا الْعَنَامَة وأَنْ عَنْ عَوْلُ أَنْ عُولَ عَنْ عَنْ أَنْ عَائَةً عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْتَا الْعَنَامِ فَيْ أَنْ الْعَنا الْمَانُمُ الْعَنْ عَامَا عَنْ عَنْ أَنْ أَعْنَ عَنْ أَنْ الْعُوا الْنَا وَالْحَانُ الْعَنْوَى أَنْ ع

إنجيل القديس مرقس 35:1-45 قامَ يَسُوعُ قَبْلَ طُلُوعِ الفَجْر، فَخَرَجَ وذَهَبَ إلى مَكَانِ قَفْر، وأَخَذَ يُصَلِّي هُنَاك. ولَحِقَ بِهِ سَمْعَانُ وَ الَّذِين مَعَهُ، ووَجَدُوهُ فَقَالُوا لهُ: »الْجَمِيعُ يَطْلُبُونَكَ.« فقالَ لَهُم: »لذَّهْبَ إلى مَكَانِ آخَر، إلى القُرَى المُجَاوِرَة، لأَبْشَرَ هُنَاكَ أَيْضًا، فَإِنِي لِهٰذَا خَرَجْتُ.« وسَارَ في كُلِّ الجَلِيل، وهُوَ يَكُرِزُ في مَجَامِعِهم وَيَطْرُدُ الشَّيَاطِين. وأَنَاهُ أَبْرَصُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إلَيْه، فجَثَا وقَالَ لَهُ: »إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ فقَائِرُ أَنْ تُطَهِّرني.«! وفي الحَالِ زَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهَرَ لهُ: »قَدْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ فَلَائُهُمُ دَالَ يُسُوعُ ومَدَّ يَدَهُ ولَمَسَهُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ فَالَحُلْ أَنْ يَسُوعُ ومَدًا لَكُمْ مَعْتَا وقَالَ لَهُ: مَوَا لَهُ المَرَعِهِم وَيَطْرُدُ فَاتَنْهُ أَنْرَصُ يَتَوَسَّلُ إلَيْه، فَجَنًا وقَالَ لَهُ: »إِنْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ فَاحَدًى ذَالَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهَرَني. «! فَقَائِرُ مَنْ يَسُوعُ ومَدًا يَدَهُ ولَمَسَهُ وقَالَ لَهُ: »قَدْ شِئْتَ فَأَنْتَ فَالَمْ يُوا أَنَاهُ أَبْرَصُ يَتَوَسَلُ إلَيْكَ، مَنْعَالَهُ مَنْ عَنْ عُوْزَ أَنْ يُمَعَانُ أَنْ يَنْتُ فَأَنْتَ فَقَائِنَهُمَرَ إِنَّ يُسُوعُ ومَدًا يَدَانَ عَنْهُ البَرَص، فَطَهُرَ إلَهُ مُنْ يَأْمَعُهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ يَعْذُونَ أَنْ يُسُوعُ ومَنْ عُمَالًا إلَهُ مَنْ عَلَهُ وقَالَ لَهُ بَعْنُ مُنْ مُنْتُ أَنْتُ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ مُوسَى، شَهَادَةً لَهُمَ « وقال لَهُ: يُوَهُومُ عَرْزَ أَنْ عَنْهُمَ أَمَّ مُوسَ وَقَالَ لَهُ مَوْتَكُمُ وَالَمُ مُنْتَوسُ عَالَهُ عَالَهُ وَقَالَ لَهُ يَعْذَى مُعْتَى مَنْتَهُ مَا أَمَا مُوْتَعُهُ وَا عَنْ يَعْتَلُهُ فَقَدَرَ عَنْ عَنْ عَنْ عَلَى مَنْ يَعْ وَقَا لَهُ عَنْ عَالَهُ مَا عَالَهُ عَنْ عَالَهُ مَنْ عَلَى مَنْ عَالَ مَنْ مَنْ يَعْتَلُ وَقَالَ إِنَا يَعْتَنُ مَائَنَ مَنْ يَعْنَ مَنْ يَعْنَ عَنْ مَنْ عَنْ عَالَهُ مَنْ يَعْتَى مَنْ يَعْتَ وَ أَنْ يَنْ عَنْ عَنْ يَنْ عَلَى مُوالَحُونَ إلَيْ عَنْ عَالَهُ مَنْ يَعْتَلُ مَا مَنْ يَنْ يَعْنَ عَنْ عَنْ عَالَهُ مَا مَائَ مَنْ عَلْنَا مُونَ عُنْ عَنْ عَنْ عُنْ عَالَ مُواعَ مَنْ مُوالَ عَنْ عَانَ عَائَ مَنْ يَعْمَ مَنْ عَنْ عَالَنُ مَا مُونَ عَالَ مَا عُنُ عَنْ عَا عَا



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